

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

September 12, 2004

Prelude

Welcome - Dirk Herr-Hoyman

Chalice Lighting - Robin Proud

Moment of Silent Meditation

Hymn # 361 - *Enter, Rejoice and Come In**

Introduction - Robin Proud

Joys and Concerns

Ingathering Ceremony - Barbara Chatterton

Hymn #122 - *Sound Over All Waters**

with instruction by Dan Proud

Offering

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Hymn #299 - *Make Channels for the Streams of Love**

Closing Words - Robin Proud

Greet Your Neighbor

*stand as you are able

Announcements

Prairie Fire is available at church for pickup today. If you don't have a copy yet, see Dan Proud.

Need Directions to Prairie Annual Retreat at Bethel Horizons? See Robin Proud.

Prairie Playreaders will have their first meeting of the season on September 25 at 7:00 at the home of Paula Pachciarz and Carl Wacker.

Thanks to all who helped with the cleanup of the downstairs RE room and storage areas. See **Prairie Fire** for details.

Calendar

Friday, September 17, 7:00p.m. Prairie Board Meeting at Bethel.

Saturday, September 18, 9:00a.m. Prairie Book Club discussion at Bethel of *Nobody's Fool* by Richard Russo

Sunday, September 19, 10:00a.m. Key Log Ceremony at Bethel.

Saturday, September 25, 7:00p.m. Playreaders at Paula & Carl's.

Sunday, September 26, 10:00a.m. Rev. Sarah Oelberg presents "Coming Together"

Tuesday, September 28, 5:00a.m. Prairie cooks breakfast at the Grace Episcopal Church men's drop-in shelter

Tuesday, September 28, 1:30p.m. Prairie Elders meet in the Great room, first floor, Tabor Oaks building, Oakwood Villae Horizons

PRAIRIE UU SOCIETY FALL RETREAT

Bethel Horizons Center, September 17 – 19, 2004

Names: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: Requires bedding and towels, and soap. Accommodations have heat, electricity, and showers, except cabins & campground.

Adults

Children (under 12)

Prairie Center: (4-5/room, private disability-accessible bathrooms, 72 beds total)

2 nights: # _____ x \$44 = \$_____. 2 nights: # _____ x \$22 = \$_____.
1 night: # _____ x \$28 = \$_____. 1 night: # _____ x \$14 = \$_____.

Note: The Prairie Center will be fully booked and possibly less private than the Barn Retreat Center. Please propose people with whom you would be comfortable sharing a room: _____

Barn Retreat Center: (26 single beds, shared bathroom)

2 nights: # _____ x \$33 = \$_____. 2 nights: # _____ x \$17 = \$_____.
1 night: # _____ x \$22 = \$_____. 1 night: # _____ x \$11 = \$_____.

Farmhouse/Bunkhouse Center: (17 single beds, shared bathrooms)

2 nights: # _____ x \$32 = \$_____. 2 nights: # _____ x \$16 = \$_____.
1 night: # _____ x \$20 = \$_____. 1 night: # _____ x \$10 = \$_____.

Camping (\$6/person or \$14/family per night): \$_____.

Day Fee (no room): # _____ x \$10 = \$_____.

Subtotal of Accommodations: \$_____.

MEALS

(Vegetarian Options on the Meals, indicate number of persons: # _____)

Adults

Children

Saturday breakfast: # _____ x \$5.00 = \$_____. # _____ x \$2.50 = \$_____.
Saturday lunch: # _____ x \$6.00 = \$_____. # _____ x \$3.00 = \$_____.
Saturday dinner: # _____ x \$8.00 = \$_____. # _____ x \$4.00 = \$_____.
Sunday brunch: # _____ x \$8.00 = \$_____. # _____ x \$4.00 = \$_____.

Or All Meals: # _____ x \$27.00 = \$_____. and # kids _____ x \$13.50 = \$_____.

Subtotal meals: \$_____.

My family needs a partial scholarship of: \$_____ (subtract)

Donations for scholarships: \$_____.

(Make checks payable to "Prairie UU Society") **Total Due:** \$_____.



Send this form to Robin Proud, 114 Glen Hwy, Madison, WI 53705 (608-661-0776)
or bring to Prairie by Sunday, August 29.

~ Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis after accommodation for age & disability. ~

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINISTER ACTIVITIES

Orientation	Purpose	Minister Activities	Time Frame
Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a Minister coordination committee to coordinate activities with Minister 		Week 1
Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aid in lay pastoral care of members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Caring Committee and discuss means to assist members in need including a referral plan 	Month 1
Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather information on members' values and aspirations for Prairie: essential, and desired Identify commonalities and differences in aspiration and values with a view to aiding healing & community building Consider if we need to change or reaffirm mission statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review results of a congregational poll Conduct small group listening sessions, with guidelines for interactions Observe and interact with the congregation at services and informal gatherings 	Months 1-4
Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide UU perspectives and inspire thinking of members — including connections with each other, and UU principles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide 1 Sunday program each month in consultation with the Program Committee 	About 1 Sunday program/month (months 1-12)
External	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather information about our strengths and weaknesses when it comes to attracting and retaining young couples and families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Committee/ Sunday programs Membership Committee RE Committee/ Children's RE program Social activities Social Action committee other activities as appropriate Share with committees ideas from other congregations concerning attracting and retaining members 	Months 1-4
Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring together the Prairie community to envision a future for Prairie Provide reflection on key issues of concern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of services — lay-led, minister-led and aspirations Size of congregation and its relation to aspirations Meeting the needs of young families as well as a larger aging population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate group discussion meetings Share what was learned about values and aspirations, common and divergent in non judgmental way Share how other congregations have identified and come together around values, aspirations 	Months 5-6
Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aid in developing a plan for Prairie's future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Minister coordination committee and/ or other committees to draft a plan that outlines goals to affirm values and a process for achieving them 	Month 7-8
Internal and External	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support implementation of plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide guidance to committees and membership at large to implement plan 	Months 9-12